

the American people deserve an accessible and transparent government. That's why we helped ensure the safe reopening of several of our oversight entities, including the Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution museums, and the National Gallery of Art, and we set the stage for a full reopening of the People's House come the 118th Congress under a Republican-led Majority.

We also experienced some dark times together, including one of the biggest security failures that the U.S. Capitol has ever experienced on January 6, 2021. Despite some in Congress using this attack to turn Capitol security into a partisan exercise, we remained focused on our oversight responsibilities and investigated why the complex was left so vulnerable that day. As a result, we were able to successfully push the U.S. Capitol Police Board into greater compliance with the 2017 Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report, creating important reforms to the Board. Additionally, we developed recommendations that the next Congress can implement to ensure our rank-and-file officers, who saved my life that day and on a baseball field in 2017, are never put in that terrible position again.

This leads me to another very important thanks, which is to our brave Capitol Police officers. They are not just my heroes, but also some of the closest friends I've made during my time here. The post-Jan. 6 memorial wall we helped create in the Cannon Tunnel only provided a small glimpse into the gratitude each Member and staff has for each of them.

During my tenure on House Administration, we also had an important oversight role to play in regards to federal elections. We fought against several partisan power grabs, including legislation that would nationalize our elections like the "For the People Act," and we also successfully stopped Speaker NANCY PELOSI and House Democrats from unseating Congresswoman MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District and instead seating their preferred candidate, Democrat Rita Hart. I'd like to thank my House Administration staff and the entire House Republican Conference for working together to raise public awareness on this issue and ultimately stopping this blatant attempt to thwart the will of Iowa voters.

I'd also like to thank every state and local election administrator and key stakeholder who participated in our Faith in Elections Project; a 2 year, 3 pronged strategy to restore faith and confidence in our elections system at a time when voters most needed it. Thanks to our meetings where you provided me with input, I was able to introduce comprehensive legislation, the American Confidence in Elections Act, that will protect States' primary authority over elections while also providing States with key election integrity tools. I look forward to watching this advance next Congress and one day be signed into law.

Through my work on the Committee on House Administration, I've had the opportunity to build relationships across this institution—whether it was from meeting the behind-the-scenes public servants in the Clerk's Office to the volunteers and leadership at the Botanic Garden, to the construction workers over the last 3 phases of the Cannon House Office Building's renovation. I want to thank every person who help keep this House running, and I know that there is more we can do to sup-

port them. That's why I've taken what I've learned from my House Administration role and paired it with 4 years of work on the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress to outline a Roadmap with reforms that the next Congress should make to strengthen this institution, support the Members and staff, and ultimately better serve the American people.

While I will no longer be a Member come January, I will continue to be this institution's biggest advocate and know that the great work will continue because of all of them. They'll also have new support from staff who we've trained up through our new Level Up program, and the incoming Members who I've been able to welcome over the past two New Member Orientations hosted by the Committee on House Administration.

And finally, I'd like to thank my best friend and wife Shannon, and our three children Toryn, Clark and Griffin, for going on this journey with me all these years. I look forward to spending even more time with my family.

Congress, it's been an honor.

COMMENDING JOAN W. SACAROB
AND DONALD A. SACAROB

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the lifetime of service that Joan and Donald Sacarob have dedicated to Hadassah, a non-profit organization that seeks to expand women's rights and their leadership capacity. Hadassah embodies Jewish values to advance health equity, fight antisemitism, and equip women with the tools they need to make a difference in their communities.

Hadassah's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and youth development opportunities to enhance the lives of those in their community. Their work extends to the Hadassah Medical Organization to research cutting-edge medical procedures and provide first-rate care for those who need it. To these ends, they connect and empower Jewish women to lead by example.

The organization traces its origins back to the extraordinary public service of Henrietta Szold, who dedicated her life to ameliorating disease and starvation that were disproportionately affecting Jewish people. She founded youth villages to house Jewish children who fled their homelands as Nazi troops invaded Eastern Europe. Her legacy of care has rippled outward for over a century. Hadassah was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for their work to offer world-class medical care to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, or national origin, following their commitment to building a bridge to peace through medicine.

For 50 consecutive years, Joan Sacarob has served Hadassah with national portfolios focused on advocacy and philanthropy. Her husband Donald has served as the National Associate Vice President of Hadassah, the men's branch of the organization. For decades, these 2 hardworking philanthropists and activists have committed themselves to the betterment of the Northern Virginia and Greater Washington Metropolitan Area Jewish communities.

Joan was a pivotal figure in the development of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, and her friends and colleagues recognize her as a passionate and resilient force. She served for 20 years on the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and was honored for her distinguished service on the board in 2006. Her advocacy work has not dwindled since then, and I am honored to know such a fierce advocate for equity.

Joan and Donald have earned the respect and recognition of their peers. Their work has been instrumental in advancing the causes of health equity, women's leadership, and access to much needed resources. I wish them every success and comfort as they continue their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joan and Donald Sacarob for their exceptional dedication and leadership within our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
HONORABLE CLARENCE "BUD"
ALBRIGHT

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the service of the Honorable Clarence "Bud" Albright, who served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Nuclear Industry Council (USNIC) for the past 3 years. Previously, Bud served as the organization's board chair, and he will be retiring at the end of this year.

As a native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Bud has had a successful and impressive career, giving him broad and extensive experience in the energy sector. Prior to his work in energy issues, Bud served in several senior government roles. In the energy field, Bud was Vice President of Federal Affairs for Texas-based Reliant Energy in the Washington, D.C. office. He also served as the former Under Secretary of Energy, after being appointed by President Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Bud is a proud husband, father, son, and friend, and his tremendous work has not only made the State of South Carolina proud, but the entire country. His tireless commitment to public service and providing Americans with reliable energy throughout his career is inspirational. I am reminded of the verse Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for human masters." Bud has a servant's heart which was evident in the work he produced and relationships he built. I am thankful for Bud's friendship and the resource that he has been to me in Congress.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their life to public service, like Bud. I wish Bud and his family many more years of health and happiness.